

February 15, 2019

Via ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notification of *Ex Parte* Presentation, CG Docket Nos. 02-278, 18-152

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 13, 2019, the following individuals (collectively, the Associations) met with Michael Scurato, Acting Legal Advisor for Media and Consumer Protection for Commissioner Geoffrey Starks: Jonathan Thessin with the American Bankers Association; Leah Dempsey and Sheryl Wright on behalf of ACA International; Mark W. Brennan of Hogan Lovells US LLP on behalf of the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management; Celia Winslow with the American Financial Services Association; Michael Pryor on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Aryeh Fishman with the Edison Electric Institute; Michael Emancipator with the Independent Community Bankers of America; Justin Wiseman and Sheraz Syed with the Mortgage Bankers Association; Ann Kossachev with the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions; and Matt Webb with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform.

The Associations expressed support for the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) efforts to eliminate unlawful automated calls. The Associations also emphasized the continuing negative impact to their members of some of the Commission's prior Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) decisions. The Associations explained that many of the Commission's existing TCPA interpretations impair the ability of the Associations' members to send time-critical, non-telemarketing communications to millions of customers and members promptly, including suspicious activity alerts, data security breach notifications, alerts to promote fee avoidance, healthcare reminders, and notifications of power outages. We urged the Commission to act expeditiously to ensure that its implementation of the TCPA is consistent with the text of the statute and congressional intent.

Sincerely,



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